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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING

REF: STATE 53940

1. IN ABSENCE ALL KEY SWISS IEA OFFICIALS AT OECD

XCSS MEETING, EMBASSY DELAYED MAKING DEMARCHE PER

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REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS UNTIL MARCH 13 WHEN PRESENTATION

MADE TO LEVY (DIVISION OF COMMERCE) AND ZWAHLEN
(POLITICAL DEPARTMENT).

2. BOTH SAID THAT PROPOSAL FOR LATE MAY IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED FURTHER WITHIN GOS PRIOR MARCH 19-20 GB MEETING, BUT THEY FULLY EXPECTED SWITZERLAND TO SUPPORT MINISTERIAL. LEVY COMMENTED THAT IT WAS CLEARLY APPROPRIATE AND DESIRABLE FOR IEA OCCASIONALLY TO MEET AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. SUCH A MEETING IN CONJUNCTION OECD MINISTERIAL PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN ORDER HELP BRIDGE ANY IEA/OECD GAPS AND IMPROVE COORDINATION. MINISTERIAL COULD ALSO SERVE PUBLIC RELATIONS PURPOSES. SWISS HAVE NO BASIC PROBLEM WITH SUGGESTED DATE ALTHOUGH THEY SOMEWHAT LESS OPTIMISTIC THAT PREPCOM WILL HAVE CONCLUDED AND COORDINATED CONSUMER POSITION FOR FULL CONFERENCE WITH PRODUCERS WILL HAVE BEEN PREPARED ADEQUATELY BY LATE MAY.

3. FEDERAL COUNCILOR BRUGGER, RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ECONOMY, WILL PROBABLY REPRESENT SWITZERLAND AT BOTH IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS ALTHOUGH THERE IS SLIGHT POSSIBILITY BECAUSE OF SCHEDULING PROBLEMS THAT FEDERAL COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO DESIGNATE SOMEONE ELSE. IF THAT SHOULD BE NECESSARY, WE ARE TOLD MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE WOULD BE FINANCE MINISTER CHEVALLAZ.

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